

EXHIBIT V

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February 16, 1994

**Ms. Ginny Chaplin
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**Re: Mississippi Vibration Cases
 B&D File No.: L-1311-P**

Dear Ms. Chaplin:

Please be advised that Black & Decker was served on August 30, 1993 with a Complaint filed in Jackson County, Mississippi, brought by 718 Plaintiffs in a case in which the Plaintiffs allege they had sustained hand-arm vibration syndrome while working in a ship yard. Plaintiffs further allege that their vibration injuries were caused by their use of tools, including those manufactured by Black & Decker.

The Complaint states that the injuries occurred over a period of time from 1936 to the present. Therefore, we are placing you on notice and ask that you communicate with us about coordinating the defense of this case with Black & Decker's other insurance carriers.

We have retained the services of three attorneys in Mississippi who are already representing various defendants there and we have entered into a joint counsel agreement with them.

The attorneys are as follows:

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The attorneys have been informed of the service date and have filed an appropriate response for Black & Decker. In the meantime, we ask that you communicate with us so that we can coordinate the administration of this case.

Sincerely,

**M. Jean Montague
Senior Claims Administrator**

**MJM/pmd
Enclosure**

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